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La Follette in his opening speech of the campaign in Milwaukee last Tuesday night told how necessary it was to reform the election laws in order that the state might be saved from the hands of the corrupt politicians. But the striking thing about it is that it is the representatives of the business men who are the political corruption in the state. Further on in his address the governor told about how legislation was corrupted at Madison by the railway and other corporation lobbyists. They made the legislators drunk when it was time to vote on important bills affecting the interests of the corporations, drew them into poker games and either bribed them outright by losing to them, or made the legislators themselves lose more than they could pay and thus got them in their power. Railway lands were given outright or sold for a song to those who were willing to be tempted—in short the last legislature, as well as those before it, was marked by scandal on account of this sort and the people's elected representatives were debauched and necessary legislation prevented. Platform phrases of both the old parties were ignored, and the governor pointed out that the same proportion of both capitalist party representatives voted with the corporationists. So, now, just do a little thinking. Bad as these lobbyists were, whose interests were they serving? Whose bidding were they doing, who was paying them to corrupt the representatives of the people? Why, our representative business men, of course! Men who have stock in the various corporations. There used to be a law that no butcher could sit on a jury in a murder case in England. There ought to be a law in this country today that no business man could go to the legislature. For no one can tell which successful business men have or have not corporation stock in their pockets and are thus interested in the corrupting work of the lobbyists. One of the worst corruptors of legislation in Wisconsin is the Milwaukee & St. Paul road, and so representative and respect-able a business man as Frederick Layton, the giver of the Layton Art Gallery, is at the head of its board of directors. So, if you please, you must excuse us if we do not get enthusiastic over La Follette's election reform measures. It is a pitiful issue. The people are crying for bread and a decent chance to live and the politicians offer them election and tax reform! Down with the politicians, La Follette, Rose and the whole unsavory outfit, school book scandal, street railway scandal and all! Vote 'em down!

What are their exploiters? Yes, these are the plain English of it. Their whole game in life is to deceive and to grab. This commission from the British Trade that visited this country is a report on industrial conditions has been made. What do they say? "The almost absolute freedom of labor has been the chief instrument whereby it has won such conquests in the last quarter of a century." "In short, we are generally so good, that the men have their futures so much in their own hands, that they have every encouragement to do the best they can for their employers and for themselves." After speaking of "work being easy to obtain" and the workers being able to "save money," the report says: "Two features . . . exercise a powerful influence . . . and second, the medium with which workmen of exceptional capacity can themselves become employers and capitalists." Truly, this is enough to make a horse laugh! What are the facts? The Pennsylvania bureau of industrial statistics in its annual report tells us that in the pig iron industry the average yearly wage is but \$495.18 per employee, and it is \$1.25. There you have made a visit to these plants and really recognize that this is one of the places where hard work and plenty of it is the predominant feature." The daily wages of the SKILLED WORKMEN in the iron and steel mills, we are informed, is \$1.25. There you have your great "incentive" for labor under the capitalist system. That is the return for industry. Truly, it pays better to be a "gentleman" and write reports as a member of a commission.

ABOUT HENRY SMITH.

The Schlitz Brewing Company wanted a street vacated. It was worth big money to them. Henry Smith, as chairman, put the thing through and the corporation got a present of the street.

Henry Smith is a capitalist. He is a member of the corporation known as the Galland-Henning Company, makers of BREWERY MACHINERY.

Question: Was Henry Smith working for the interests of the dear people when he got the city to give a valuable street to the Schlitz brewery?

Was he working for the interests of Henry Smith, capitalist, and the interests of the Galland-Henning Company, which wants to sell machinery to the breweries?

"Was the operation delayed by the President with the intention of preventing a crash in the stock markets?" was asked by Secretary Cretzschmar.

"Yes, he did it deliberately," said Mr. Cretzschmar. "We waited until the markets were all a mess with a purpose."

The above item throws light on the "generosity" of Roosevelt in his talk of making war on the trusts. When he was in his mental health and playing the role of politician he gave it out that he was going to fight the trusts to a finish—in all the interests of the plain people. And when a surgical operation becomes necessary the real Roosevelt gets the upper hand and it is found that his mind is on the stock market. And working men voted for him!

Comrades, all! It will pay you well to send your names and addresses right now to the new Socialist magazine, The Vanguard, Box H, Green Bay, Wis. Ask for the special 30 days' offer.

THE BATTLE IS ON! EVERY VOTER CONVERTED IS A VICTORY!

To the works, Comrades, a battle is near! Do you not hear the thunder of a new time? Do you not see the red glow of a new day?

Comrades! We are on the eve of one of the greatest changes the world has ever seen.

Look about you. What do you see? Concentration of capital, trust problems. The war-cry in industry today is either combination or destruction. The capitalist combine, organize, fix the price of production and the price of wages.

The old parties stand amazed at the new problem. They are powerless to solve it. It is left for the Social Democratic party, which understands the economic development and can see that the great capitalists are unconsciously opening the way to Socialism, to solve this great question. To the works, comrades!

Both of the old parties, the Republican and the Democratic, have not only shown their utter inability to grasp the economic situation at the present time, but they are even incapable of electing honest men to office. We find, year in, year out, that no matter which of the old parties is put into power, the result is the same, corruption and ignorance among office holders, and misery and poverty among the masses. These facts cannot be obscured by raising hypocritical issues like "tax reform" on the Republican side, or the cry of "less school taxes" on the Democratic side.

Comrades, to the works! Let us defend the people and especially the working people against the humbug and the thieves.

The two old parties do not differ materially from each other. Both are dominated by the nonproducing class that depends upon exploitation and plunder for subsistence. To "make money" is the sole reason for human existence in both of

them. Both parties of necessity therefore create more corruption and more misery. The best of tax reforms or any other reform cannot make any change in this. All "reform parties" or reform factions have failed and must fall because they have trusted to the goodness of this or that leader, instead of trying to fundamentally change the economic conditions that surround us all. These economic conditions must be changed before men in general will change.

Do you want a new world? Then join the grand army of Social Democrats!

Our party is not aiming at a mere change of office holders. We realize that without a change of the present economic system even the best men are almost powerless against corruption. The Social Democratic party wants to abolish the source of avarice and corruption by socializing the means of production and distribution, thereby extending the advantages of civilization and the riches of our country to all the people.

Comrades! While we are fighting local battles in Wisconsin, a battle won here is a battle won for the working class of the entire country—and even more, it is a battle won for the international proletariat. And, while we recognize that it is not within the power of a single state of this Union to restore to the people all their rights, we are also fully conscious that the state of Wisconsin can do a great deal to limit within its borders the exploitation of the masses and thereby raise their standard of living and their power of resistance.

To the works, comrades!

Victor L. Berger.

The shocking news of Zola's death will cause regret in the breast of every true Socialist. Such men are too few in this corrupted age. It was Zola's self-imposed mission to lay bare by his pen the abject condition of the lower stratum of capitalism's victims, and he did it faithfully. It was through the combined efforts of Zola and the other French Socialist, Jaures, that the awful conspiracy of the French army against Dreyfus was broken up. When the second Dreyfus trial ended Zola was the most detested man in France and had to flee to escape violence at the hands of the misled populace. But he did not falter, and his triumph came in full measure and he was later hailed as the man who with his pen "overthrew the French army of 576,000 men." He will be greater now he is dead than he was alive, thanks to the peculiarities of our capitalistic morality.

"What is the difference between evolution and Revolution? Which of the two does the S. D. P. consider the most important for the advance of the Socialist movement? Can a man consistently be an evolutionist without being a Revolutionist?"

The above queries are sent us by a St. Louis comrade. Evolution may comprise a half-dozen revolutions in the course of time. Evolution does not exclude revolution at all. It is a force or tendency constantly at work, while revolutions are incidents of evolution. But in a general sense the term Revolutionary Socialist is used to mean a person who expects Socialism to come all at once—by some forcible means, which is impossible. The evolutionary Socialist is one who wants to get it in accordance with the natural historical and economic development—to get it by the aid of several revolutions, or none, as the conditions require. No, a man cannot be an evolutionist without being a revolutionist, but he can be a revolutionist without being an evolutionist!

Some Milwaukee detectives made a cross-country trip to British Columbia the other day to get a man wanted for some crime and when they reached their destination they found that the wrong man was being held on suspicion. The suspect had been working on the railroad and had been discharged and was clerks to keep up with the crush of customers and they heard out the goods and take in the money as fast as their powers of physical endurance will permit. It is said that a profit of \$3 is made on every 1000 sold. There is a "drawback" on each cigar, prizes being given for returned wrappers, but the total profit is large because of the enormous sales. It is playing great havoc with the little tobacco dealers, who will probably change their views now about "competition being the life of trade." At the present time the trust does not employ union workmen, but it could do so and pay union wages and still sell at the low rate, provided it could sell in large quantities, for by so selling the costs of rents, clerk hire and advertising are reduced to the minimum. The bigger the capital employed the better the game of competition can be played. There is no escape. The trust is the ruler of the field. The only hope for the people is to get on the inside of the trusts. Let the nation own the trusts!

A fraud in politics is even worse than a fraud in business. For years Henry Smith, who now wants to go to Congress, has been beguiling the working people with the idea that he was lying awake nights thinking of their interests, that he was a man earning his bread by the sweat of his brow, and that he was the implacable foe of capitalist aggressions, the trusts and of monopoly of all kinds. Many have believed him and he managed to slip in various and sundry well-paying offices—

It is claimed in the capitalistic dailies that Morgan is very mad at Roosevelt for talking against trusts and that Roosevelt has told Morgan to his face that he will have the law on him if he goes against the laws, just the same as any lesser law breaker. Maybe Roosevelt said that, but it sounds like campaign talk. Anyway, did you notice that incident when Roosevelt had to be operated on at Indianapolis?

"What time is it now?" asked the President. "After past three," replied Secretary Cortelyou.

"All right, the New York stock market is closed now, anyway. I'll go to the hospital," was the President's answer.

There you have it—a stock-johning president, careful even under personal pain of the interests of the New York stock gamblers. Wasn't he thinking of Morgan's vast interests just a little, did you think? It is high time we had a president who really represented the people.

Pages from Rose's Record. No. 2.

HIS PRETENDED FRIENDSHIP TO LABOR.

He has always been the friend of union labor and has never missed an opportunity to promote the welfare and interests of the workmen.—From a campaign pamphlet gotten out by the Rose-Pfister outfit.

WHERE HIS REAL FRIENDSHIP LIES.

Rose first came to Milwaukee in 1886 as second lieutenant of the Darlington Rifles to help put down the strike of the workers of Milwaukee for an eight hour workday. When the strikers attempted to march the streets of Bay View, the soldiers fired on them, killing several Polish workmen. "We came here to down the eight hour movement," loudly declared one of the officers. Rose and his company were given free quarters in the Allis shops by the Allis company.

Can a leopard change its spots!

The tragedy of the unequal competition between big and little capitals is well shown in a pending cigar sale at a big Chicago department store, where cigars of good stock are being sold in huachos of five for 10 cents. It takes twenty clerks to keep up with the crush of customers and they head out the goods and take in the money as fast as their powers of physical endurance will permit. It is said that a profit of \$3 is made on every 1000 sold. There is a "drawback" on each cigar, prizes being given for returned wrappers, but the total profit is large because of the enormous sales. It is playing great havoc with the little tobacco dealers, who will probably change their views now about "competition being the life of trade." At the present time the trust does not employ union workmen, but it could do so and pay union wages and still sell at the low rate, provided it could sell in large quantities, for by so selling the costs of rents, clerk hire and advertising are reduced to the minimum. The bigger the capital employed the better the game of competition can be played. There is no escape. The trust is the ruler of the field. The only hope for the people is to get on the inside of the trusts. Let the nation own the trusts!

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so many that the aggregate sum he has drawn in salaries is said to have already amounted to the total of \$36,000. In 1886 he was sent to Congress by the working people, and although he was the habit of hurrying out all sorts of his head once during the entire session of Congress and constantly voted with the Southern bourgeois Democratic capitalists and ex-slave owners! He would do the same today if elected.

Now, as to Henry Smith's claim of being one of the plain working people, the fact is that it is a deception. Henry Smith is a capitalist, a member of a corporation. He lives on the interest of his investments and his home is one of the finest in the city, being surrounded by fine lawns and being situated in "millionaire row" on the border of Kilbourn park. He is a capitalist at heart and is today in a political alliance, through Dave Rose, with Charles Pfister.

"Does Henry Smith, who wants to go to Congress on the strength of the workers' votes, own coal mine stock? Please answer. Ex-Fusionist."

Henry Smith is heavily invested in California gold mines, in properties that the Standard Oil Company is trying to buy, but we do not know that he has any coal mine interests, although he lives on his investments.

And where does Pfister's money come from with which he is supporting Rose for governor? From the work of the hopeless drudges in the great Pfister-Vogel tanneries, where the most wretched labor conditions exist, and where every little while some poor workman finds his finish in the poorly guarded chemical vats.

and only political action can change it to collective ownership and operation. This is the position of the Socialists—the party standing for the collective ownership of all means of production and distribution—and it is being demonstrated to be correct as each day passes.

The same conditions which face the coal miners face all other wage-earners in whatever industrial pursuit they are employed, and the solution offered by the New York mass meeting is the solution of the industrial question.

The time has gone by when labor will be a power in righting its wrongs, except that it uses its political power as a unit and stands for a change of private ownership and operation of industry to that of collective ownership and operation—the substitution of industrial co-operation for competition. The logic of industrial events is forcing this conclusion upon labor and we are rejoiced.

The capitalists and parasites will tremble as never before when labor uses its political power in the same manner as it strikes industrially. Well may Mark Hanna say the next great struggle on the political field will be between the Republicans and Socialists. One stands for plutocracy, the other for the people. Let every depressed, overburdened

We Socialists have been warning the people for years as to what was coming. They don't laugh at us now, our predictions have come true. And again we warn them—this time of the bloodiest sort of a revolution. We warn them that now—now—is the time to give the economic situation close study so as to bring about the change to the system of brotherhood while there is yet time to do so peacefully and with clear heads. If they wait too long the populace will rise up in an anger that will cloud their judgment and inaugurate a reign of horror that may even bring our present civilization to a close. Be warned this time in time!

The people of this state have been regularly electing Republicans and Democrats to the legislature and what a mess of it they have been making these many years. Their fine promises cannot be trusted any more today than formerly. They are bound to serve capitalism. Vote them down! And if you doubt our claim just read this from La Follette's Tuesday night speech:

"I shall speak of the conduct of the lobby and its influence upon those measures and the methods by which it influences and controls legislation."

Hon. A. R. Hall of Des Moines, whose long, practical experience, unbiased interest and integrity are known to all men in this state, says, over his own signature: "It was boastfully stated by a representative of one of the railway companies just after the defeat of the railroad taxation bill at the last session of the Legislature that no bills had been enacted into law during the sixteen years last past in the interest of the people when objected to by the railroads." Mr. Hall says further of this statement by the lobbyist:

"He spoke the truth and ought to have added," says Mr. Hall, "that no measure, no matter how damaging to the interests of the people, failed to become a law if wanted by the railway," etc.

You cannot trust them. They will ever betray your interests, both capitalist parties alike. Vote 'em down!

One of the worst phases of capitalistic political methods is that presented by the "Railway Men's Political League," which is doing business for the Democrats in the present campaign. It is doing corporation bidding under orders from the men who are labor skinner from the word go. But it won't find as easy traveling this year as formerly—too many trainmen have gotten their eyes peeled! Business Agent Weber of the Milwaukee Federated Trades Council gives this little bit of history as to the origin of the Railway Men's League, that shows what a ally insult to honest labor it really is:

"The Railway Men's Political League came into prominence in 1896. At that time there was a general agitation throughout the state for a reduction of the passenger carryage rates to 2 cents a mile, and the general opinion prevailed that it was an honest and just demand and should be enacted into law. In order to overcome this general opinion and defeat the bill in the legislature of 1899 the railroad lobbyists decided it was necessary to get the support of men from various railway organizations, whom they could rely upon to circulate the impression that the railway men were opposed to the bill on the grounds that it would bankrupt the corporations and reduce the wages of all railroad employees."

The league has bobbed up every time the railway corporations wanted to kill labor legislation. The members of the league are simply decoy ducks of capitalism. Keep your eye on them.

They are still having trouble with the soldiers in the strike region. The other day two were court martialed for showing sympathy with the strikers. They were stripped of their uniforms as an example to the others.

wage worker take heart. The day of emancipation is nearer. And than many think. Political and industrial conditions are in chaos right now, and above it all the ann of hope and right solution is appearing.

We can either aid or retard this movement, and there is no time to be lost. Workmen should get together this year and ally themselves with the Socialist party. Don't wait for another year, or two years, but get into the movement at once. Vote for the county and state tickets of the Socialist party wherever found on the ballot. Let the white halo, which represents a freeman's will and carries with it no suffering or inconvenience, take the place of the strike which carries with it the blacklist, ostracism, idleness, hunger, pauperism and trampdom.

There is a wonderful coming of Socialism and every true, earnest, honest lover of his race wants to participate in bringing it into practical operation. Wage workers, emancipate yourselves, and refuse longer to listen to the glowing promises of the politician and capitalist who will do nothing for you except sit on your back and enjoy the things you produce by hard labor. It's coming! Let 'er come!

Margaret Haley, the brave little woman who, in the interests of the underpaid teachers of Chicago, went after the rich individual and corporation tax-dodgers of that city and gave them a hard rub of it, has recently found it necessary to expose the methods of the book trust. She says the trust is in control in the Chicago school board. This state has had its share of experience with the trust in its schools and in spite of the defeat of Supt. Harvey for a renomination on the Republican ticket, it is still in control of the schools. And the politicians have gotten themselves in a nice mess over the matter. First the independent book companies bribed the La Follette machine to defeat Harvey and then Rose takes up the fight in behalf of Harvey to hurt La Follette, who smiles in his sleeve to see Rose doing battle for the trust—and each side thinks it has an advantage. The fact is that both the book trust books as well as those of the independent companies that got La Follette to accept their bribe, are printed by non-union labor, so the working people will be wise to turn their backs on both the old party candidates and vote with their own class the ticket of the Social Democratic party.

District Atty. Jerome, the great demagogue "man-of-the-people" in New York city, gave himself dead away the other day. In addressing an enormous audience of workers he denounced labor unions and warned labor not to try capital's patience too far, lest capital turn and so crush labor that the liberties of the nation be utterly destroyed! Hear the despots threaten! It has always been so in history. The only reason why capital does not crush labor more than it does is because it does not quite dare. It has a mind to do it all the same! And yet it does crush labor—by sucking its blood.

"And let me tell you that if you ever arouse capital it will crush you into the dust an labor has never been crushed before," shouted Jerome.

Well, if that is to be the fight, if it is a question of manhood versus serfdom, let the fight begin! The people will not shrink and the upshot will be that capital will have to climb down off the workers' backs!

The National Economic League, whose executive committee is composed of plutocratic manufacturers and investment magnates, is engaged in getting a book called "The Laborer and the Capitalists," into the hands of the workingman, "for the workingman's good," of course! Such disinterested fellows! They say they have a "systematic mailing list" of wage-earners (wealth makers) to whom they will send copies as fast as rich people pay for the same. Incidentally it is shown that it is well worth the while of the capitalists to come up with the cash for this purpose, and the league says further, "We particularly call the attention of EMPLOYERS of LABOR to this method of getting these books into the hands of their employees." This is what we might call capitalist paternalism. From the notices of the book we learn that it is devoted to showing that the masses have received a fair share of the benefits of modern invention and production. Rich, ain't it? Because the workers have heretofore been voting like stupid cattle these fine fellows are trying to prevent them from becoming anything else!

Whether La Follette is elected or Rose is elected, Mr. Voter, do you think it will make any difference to you? If you didn't read of the result in the newspapers you would not know which party was in power or which side owned the same warren or garbage inspectors, now would you? And the stress of living would be just the same, and keep growing worse!

Roosevelt has taken out \$50,000 additional life insurance. This is a luxury the workers who support this country cannot afford, but if the Socialists have their way and rise to power they will soon have it through the medium of government old age pensions. Is that worth boasting along with your ballot, Mr. Toiler?

ABOUT HENRY SMITH.

An member of the Public Library board, Ald. Henry Smith was called upon to vote on a request from the men in the engine room of the Library building that they be given a rest on Sundays.

Henry Smith, in his usual loud-mouthed way, opposed the request, saying the taxpayers' interests had to be looked after, and said that the men in the city hall engine room worked Sundays, and the library engineers were no better than other workmen.

Being a capitalist, Henry Smith's thoughts are centered on the interests of taxpayers instead of the interests of the working class.

If you want to see some amusing squirming ask a capitalist politician to explain squarely why it is that the people who do the actual work are poor while those who are rich are idlers. If you will press him to an answer you will have fun indeed.

"Economy is the road to wealth." It must be so, for the millionaires say so! Now, you average American workman with your income of \$500 a year, just do a little saving and see how rich you will be at the end of the year!

Labor-dendler Michael Walsh got a turn-down in the Milwaukee Democratic convention this week. He was not after the nomination for clerk of courts. Mike used to have goods to deliver, but that day is past and he no longer can claim to control the votes of organized labor, or any part of them. The more labor wakes up, the more the power of such false representatives declines. 'Tis well.

Henry Smith is Rose's decoy duck in this election.

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The first step in the revolution of the working class is to raise the proletariat to the position of democracy.—Karl Marx.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF PARTIES.

Prof. Walter T. Mills in a recent address contrasted the aims of capitalistic parties and socialist parties in an instructive way, showing the difference between political and economic questions. Among other things he said:

"Political questions are matters referring to the administration of post-offices, prisons, armies and foreign treaties. But economic questions are questions which pertain to the creation and distribution of wealth. In ordinary speech, the main point in politics is getting and holding office. The main point in economics is getting a living.

The Republican and Democratic parties represent as their most serious interest, schemes for getting and holding office. The Social Democratic party stands for, as its only interest, the purpose of getting a living. The Republican and Democratic parties deal with questions of getting a living, only as they are able to use these questions to elect themselves to office. The Social Democratic party deals with the matter of getting a living only as the authority of public office can be used by the workers to make the matter of getting a living more easy, more certain, and the living itself more abundant for all the people.

Questions of making a living have been fought out between employers and employees, with the strike and lockout. Republican and Democratic politicians would like to have the fight carried on in that way only. And this is especially true inasmuch as the employer, by the use of political power, is able to use the injunction and the militia in defeating the strike and enforcing the lockout.

The Social Democratic party insists that the power of the court and the legislature ought to be used more for the purpose of making easy the matter of getting a living for all of the people. It further insists that the struggle for making a living must not only go on with the strike and the lockout, but it must enter politics, and the same economic divisions which separate the striker and his employer at the shop door must separate them also at the ballot box.

And hence it follows that the old party politicians will adopt or abandon any economic question as it furthers their chances for holding an office to do so. Whereas, the Socialists have no desire for office for its own sake, and hence will never abandon one whit of their economic program for the sake of an office. It is not because the Socialists do not want the office that they are thus determined. It is because they want them for a certain purpose, and that purpose being economic, they can only consent to hold office as they secure endorsement for the whole program of Socialism.

HOW THE FUTURE MAN MAY LOOK.

Prof. H. L. Bruner of Butler University claims that evolution is making rapid strides in its perfecting of the human race and that, in fact, a new type is being produced. He says:

"In the educational institutions of the future physical development will be compulsory, until exercising the body uniformly and making himself a well-rounded specimen of humanity shall become a firmly established habit with every member of the race.

"Sandow and other athletes of today are already better developed than were the best Greek models.

"The automobile and other labor-saving machines will not tend to make the coming man a weakling. The man who will drive an auto rather than walk and will throw a store up to play golf, and his son will go to college and become an athlete.

"The man whose bodily energy is saved by labor-saving devices introduced in the workshops will be expended in more wholesome exercise than that to be found indoors.

"The future man will be a more robust man than the century mark has reached. Communicable diseases will have been brought under complete control. Insects which carry disease will have been exterminated.

"It is probable that the number of man's ribs will be reduced by the complete loss

SOCIALISTS HAVE THE ONLY POSSIBLE REMEDY.

From one end of the North American continent to the other, people of all shades of opinion and belief are discussing the trust question, and, excepting the few who are directly interested, it is admitted by all that the methods pursued by all trusts are detrimental to the general welfare of the people.

This being the case, what is the remedy?

So far the Socialists are the only people who propose a remedy. What is it?

Let all the people own all the trusts for the benefit of all the people.

Those who wish to continue in the trust business thereafter must do so upon their merits, not behind the fortress of special privileges, as they are doing.

For the sake of argument, we will admit that this proposition is entirely wrong in every detail, and we will retire from the rostrum and take a seat in the audience and listen to any party that proposes a better solution.

There is no logic in condemning the Socialists for advocating what they believe is right; propose something better, so the people can judge, and when this is done the Socialists will be the first to co-operate, because they are investigators earnestly seeking the truth.

Don't forever cry "The Socialists are helping the Republicans or the Democrats." We have heard all this and it doesn't scare the people any longer.

Propose a remedy if you can do better than we are doing. Show you are a thinker, not a confirmed growler.

Denver, Colo.

Edmund Boyer

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THE HERALD FORUM.

A Consideration of Census Figures.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—Social Democratic Herald: Permit me to call attention of Herald readers to this table of the census of manufacturers given out by the government.

	1900.	1890.
Establishments.....	512,339	355,415
Capital.....	\$9,835,098.90	\$4,525,158.49
Salaries of officials and clerks.....	397,174	461,000
Wages.....	\$404,230,272	\$391,988,208
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Total wages.....	\$2,325,691,254	\$1,891,228,321
Miscellaneous expenses.....	1,023,035,611	631,225,085
Cost of material.....	7,948,144,755	5,162,044,076
Value of product.....	13,014,287,498	9,372,437,283

The student of social economy will find above figures unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

1 Establishments should be classified; above represents all producing a value of \$500 annually or over.

2 Capital, if correctly reported, should be estimated by experts who would take the value to be that amount which it would have taken to replace the property in the year of 1900.

3 Salaried officials and clerks should be separately given, as it is hardly fair to figure the princely salaries of some officials in the cost of production.

The enormous decrease in the number of officials and clerks is problematic. The number of wage earners stands for the average employed during the year. The reserve army who constantly change hands with those employed should be included when distributing the total wages or to arrive at an average wage.

4 Miscellaneous expenses should be classified to wit: Rent, interest, taxes, repairs, light, heat, etc., so it could be seen what is actual cost of production and what is surplus value.

To operate with the above table let us classify some of the categories and account an estimate rather than to abandon the table altogether.

Salaries of officials, which can be considered as profit.....\$100,000,000
Salaries of officials and clerks..... 304,230,272
In cost of production..... 2,325,691,254
Expense (rent, interest, taxes, etc.) in cost of production..... 428,035,611
Cost of material..... 7,948,144,755

Total.....\$10,409,101,894
Profit of manufacturers hidden in salaries..... 100,000,000
Rent, interest, taxes, etc., added to profit of manufacturers..... 1,905,185,094
Total value of product.....\$13,014,287,498

Share of salaried men.....\$304,230,272
Share of wage earners..... 2,325,691,254
Share of capitalist class.....\$2,005,185,094

Value created in 1900.....\$5,253,137,132
The wage earner received accordingly 44.4 per cent. of the value created, which estimate comes closer to reality than the census which would give him about 50 per cent.

This is capitalistic production, with its regulated output of the trust on the one hand and the small expensive establishment on the other, and stand in no comparison to the amount which will be produced and earned in a Socialistic society.

The wonderful improvement that will be made in the organization of the industries, the concentration of the working forces in the best fitted establishments will increase the earning capacity of the people several times in the first few years.

The average wage according to the statistics was \$437 in 1900 as against \$445 in 1890. When we figure in the reserve army, as should have been done by the statistician, as the whole wage works, we would arrive at a figure considerably smaller than \$437; \$400 would probably be a good estimate, which is not quite \$5.00 a week.

The profit on the capital invested was 19.4 per cent., which is no doubt too small a figure for reasons previously stated, yet it is enough to open the eyes of the savings bank depositors. The average capital per establishment was \$19,077 in 1900 and \$18,380 in 1890, a hand over the small manufacturer.

It is too bad that the Socialist party is not elected by the people; the statistics would have been arranged, the statistics better, and earned the gratitude of the industrial workers in the United States.

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